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Parish Office - First Sunday of Advent – 1st December 2024.
Parish of Magh Éne (Bundoran & St. Joseph's Ballyshannon). Website: www.maghene parish.ie
Facebook: Magh Ene Parish Office Opening Times: 9.30am - 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

ADVENT: A HOPE THAT IS ABLE TO SEE TOMORROW

On the First Sunday of Advent, we always begin a new Church year. The Church begins its year with a time of hope, and Advent is the season of hope par excellence. It is the season of hope, because our God who gave himself to us by creating us, and who came to us in the coming of his Son, will come again to rescue us, to heal us, to console us, to be with all that he has called into life. Our God comes to enrich our personal and collective histories, our dashed hopes and our sterile yearnings. Our God comes to save us. Unless the Lord comes to us, we are completely helpless. God calls us forward to a new world, to embrace a new future. That is God's deeper gift to us. His call is not to return to a wonderful place where "everything was wonderful"—be that Bethlehem or the 'wonderful world' of our shared past. Our prayer this Advent and always is, therefore, shaped by that hope. In this time, for many, it is also framed by the experience of loss and continuing grief. Our anticipation of the joy of Christmas is all the greater for the depth of the crisis through which we have been travelling. Christian hope

is not naive. It does not give rise to nostalgia, denial or conformity. Rather it is realistic in its faithfulness and bold in its imagination. Pope Francis tells us that hope 'is able to see a tomorrow; hope is the door that opens onto the future.' Hope changes everything. As we prepare to celebrate the overwhelming gift of love that was the Incarnation, we are invited to take stock of how well prepared we are, not only to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas, but to live the kind of life we are meant to live, loving one another and the whole human race as much as we are loved. The Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent reminds us that the Christian life is rooted in prayer; we are urged to pray at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, so that we can stand with confidence before the Son of Man. We are living through dark days. We are living through a very testing time. Sickness and death, hostility to faith and truth, immense challenges in the social political platforms in the world, etc. Yet as Christians we are called to bring Good News to the whole world, to accompany those at all stages of life's journey towards an encounter with Jesus Christ. We are hopeful.

Support your upcoming Local Blood Drive! Coláiste Cholmcille, Ballyshannon

Monday 2nd December 2024 - 6pm to 9pm.

Volunteers Required!
St. Joseph's Church, The Rock are seeking both young and old people to join their Altar Society Team. If you can spare just one hour, per week, for a month, per year to help with the Church cleaning, then please contact the Parish Office for further information.

Carpark Closure: Now that Summer is over, the lower Church carpark will be closed to the public, until next year! We will however have it open over the Christmas holidays, to facilitate the visitors.

Magh Éne Parish Christmas Carol Service 2024: Our Carol Service will take place on Sunday December 15th at 5.00 pm in Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Bundoran. You are warmly invited to this year's Carol Service or please join us online for an evening of beautiful singing and reflection. <https://maghene parish.ie/livestream/>

Parish of Magh Éne Christmas Mass Times: St. Joseph's Church, The Rock, Ballyshannon: Christmas Day Mass at 10am Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Bundoran: Christmas Eve 7pm, Christmas Day 8.30am and 11am.

St. Joseph's Church, The Rock:
Sunday—Sunday—December 1st at 10am:
Sean Duffy (The Rock).
Canon McGourty P.E. will announce on a day to day basis his availability for Mass etc.
Sunday—December 8th at 10am:
Tom & Mary McInerney (West Port).
James, Margaret & Dec Mbs Ward Family (Tonery), Raymond McNally (Bundoran).

Confessions in Bundoran Church:
Every Saturday 5-6pm.

Church of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Bundoran.
Saturday - November 30th Mass at 7pm
Dorothy McGloin & Dec Mbs Mullahy Family.
Tom Campbell & Trina Curneen (Church Road).
Marjie Meehan (West End).
Sunday— December 1st Mass at 8.30am:
Bridget & Felix Campbell (Drumacrin).
Sunday— December 1st Mass at 11am:
People of the Parish.
Monday – at 10am.
Fr. Aiden & Hugh McGarrigle (West End) & Kathleen Flaherty.
Tuesday – at 10am.
Private Intentions.
Wednesday – at 10am.
Prayer Service.
Thursday – at 10am.
Tran Thi Thuan Maria-Madalena & Thai Trung Tien.
Friday - at 10am.
Mary & Dan Keenaghan (Rathmore) .
Saturday - December 7th Mass at 10am
Private Intentions.
Saturday - December 7th Mass at 7pm
John & Bridget McGowan & Maura Spencer (Ardfarna & England).
Rosaleen Boyle & Deirdre Reynolds (Ardfarna).
Mary Gallagher (Single Street).
Sunday— December 8th Mass at 8.30am:
John, Kathleen & Bridget Travers (Derryherk).
Sunday— December 8th Mass at 11am:
People of the Parish.

May all who died recently Rest in Peace.

Michael O'Shea (Derrynaseer, Ballyshannon)
Aiden McGurren (Dromore, Co. Tyrone), brother of the late Pat McGurren (Dinglei Cough) .